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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Meetings with Congressional Committees

1. It is recommended that the Director sign the attached letters to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees.

2. A proposed agenda of points to be raised will be submitted prior to any meeting with the Chairmen or with their subcommittees. Generally speaking, however, I would recommend that the Director have in mind (a) establishing a clear record of U. S. intelligence performance

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in Near Eastern and [   ] (b) seeking guidance on how to handle possible Congressional inquiries on RFE; (c) reporting on Agency executive salary raises since Congressional adjournment (which was generally covered in letters sent out during the summer); and (d) emphasizing the CIA hope that our subcommittees will be rather more active than in the past.

3. I assume that if, as we hope, these meetings occur in the very near future, the Director will wish to defer detailed discussion of (a) the FY 1958 Budget; (b) career legislation proposals; (c) personnel and manpower management plans; and (d) possible additional funding for the building (unless prior White House and Budget Bureau approval is obtained). I believe (c) and (d) should be related, having in mind the feelings expressed by Senator Russell and others that we should try to cut personnel numbers.

4. I have not proposed letters to the Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees, because I felt we should direct our first attention to Armed Services. At some time in the relatively near future, however, we should try to arrange meetings.

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Attachments

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